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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF DIETETICS AND NUTRITION AUGUST 4, 2008 MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Dietetics and Nutrition met in regular session on August 4, 2008, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 2, Lansing, Michigan.

### CALL TO ORDER

Eileen Mikus, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Carl Christoph, Professional Member  
Eugene Magnuson, Public Member  
Eileen Mikus, Professional Member  
Mohey Mowafy, Ph.D., Professional Member  
Lorraine Weatherspoon, Ph.D., Professional Member  
William Prout, Public Member

**Members Absent:**

Coco Newton, M.P.H., Professional Member

**Staff Present:**

Brooke Parmalee, Secretary  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division  
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Licensing Division

**Others Present:**

Kathy DeGrow, DeGrow and Associates  
Susanne Consiglio, Nutrition Balance  
Terri Tomak, Sparrow  
Diane Ficher, Sparrow  
Roger Newton  
Andrew Heyman

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** by Mowafy, seconded by Weatherspoon to approve the May 30, 2008 meeting minutes as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Mowafy, seconded by Prout to approve the agenda with the following correction:

Under New Business, move item C, Acknowledgment of Letter from Leonilda McDonagh, up to item A.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Review of Available Certifications**

Information was provided to the board members regarding the different credentials being considered as prerequisites for licensure. The board approved the Commission on Dietetic Registration at the previous meeting. The board discussed each of the certifications. There was detailed discussion held regarding the specifics of the CBNS certification. Christoph would like to know more about the testing requirements and the content of the test. He feels that it would be informative to know how many people take the exam and the pass rates, the methods of testing, and the conditions of testing.

Mowafy feels that no one else should be approved for licensure until all of the testing procedures are examined for each of the certifications.

Mitchell will get the information regarding testing that the board is requesting.

### **B. Administrative Rules**

Ramsdell stated that the department is drafting some basic information, but until the board decides who is going to be included in certifications, the administrative rules will be at a stand-still.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Acknowledgment of Letter from Leonilda McDonagh**

Mowafy wanted to assure McDonagh that the board is using care in determining who will be allowed to be licensed in the profession. The safety of the public is of the utmost importance. The board went on to discuss the content of McDonagh's letter and the articles attached to it.

**B. Department Update**

The licensing division now has a new policy manager. Amy Shell will be attending the next meeting.

**C. National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA)**

Mikus stated that she had looked into this organization's standards as a means of comparing different credentialing organizations. Mikus understood that the cost of becoming accredited by NOCA could be cost-prohibitive for some organizations and that not becoming NOCA accredited should not be held against the organization. However, Mikus stated that using the NOCA standards as a model is an objective way to compare the credentialing organizations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roger Newton commented on the letter that was addressed and the use of statin drugs.

Susan Consiglio commented that not having the materials that are provided to the board members puts the members of the public at a disadvantage when attending the meetings.

Diane Fischer commented on each of the certifications that the board discussed. She has concerns about keeping the practice and money separate.

Andrew Hayman from the University of Michigan is encouraged to see that the debate is going on here, because it is also going on in other states.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

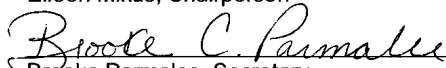
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 3, 2008 in the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 2, Lansing, Michigan.

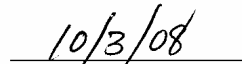
**ADJOURNMENT**

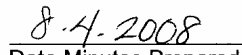
**MOTION** by Mowafy, seconded by Magnuson to adjourn at 11:59 a.m.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

  
Eileen Mikus, Chairperson

  
Brooke Parmalee, Secretary

  
Date Minutes Approved

  
Date Minutes Prepared